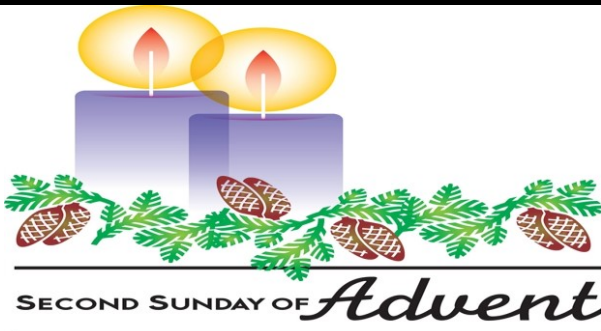


SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Advent is...a wreath of evergreens and light!

The Advent wreath is a prominent symbol of the Advent season and is used in our churches and our homes as a way to prayerfully count the four weeks of the liturgical season. It consists of a wreath made of evergreens into which four candles have been placed. Beginning on the eve of the First Sunday of Advent, the wreath is blessed and one candle is lit to mark the start of the first week of the Advent season. As each week begins, another candle is lit until all four candles are burning brightly by the Fourth Sunday of Advent. According to tradition, three of the candles are purple and one candle is pink, although all four candles may be purple. The pink candle is lit on the Third Sunday of Advent, also known as Gaudete Sunday (from the Latin word which means "Rejoice!"), as the focus of the season shifts from the Second Coming of Christ to the First Coming of Christ. In the northern hemisphere, the days grow shorter at this time of the year, and the trees and plants drop their leaves as they "die back" in preparation for the long winter ahead. The evergreens on the Advent wreath remind us of the everlasting life promised to us by the gift of Jesus Christ, who came among us to save us from sin and death. The lighting of candles banishes the darkness as a reminder of Jesus Christ, the Light who has come into the world through his birth, and who continues to shine brightly through his Church.

FEAST DAY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF



THE BLESSED **VIRGIN MARY**

Monday, December 9, 2024 at 8:30 am and 7:00pm

JOIN US!!!

The Prayer Group invites you to join them for

Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction

on Wednesday, December 17, 2024

Praise and worship begin at 7:30pm followed by Exposition / Benediction.

ALL ARE WELCOME!



Advent Confessions-Wednesday, December 18th

7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Christmas Eve-Tuesday, December 24th

5:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 9:00 pm and 12:00 midnight

Christmas Day-Wednesday, December 25th

10:00am and 12:00 noon

Thursday, December 26th

Morning Mass at 9:00 am

Friday, December 27th

Morning Mass at 8:30 am

New Year's Eve-Tuesday, December 31st

6:00pm

New Year's Day-Wednesday, January 1st

10:00am 12:00 noon

Thursday, January 2nd

Morning Mass at 8:30 am

PARISH ACTIVITIES

THIS WEEK

Monday, December 9

1:30 pm

St. Gerard Advent Mass - Church

8:10 pm

Beginners Line Dancing – Carmel Hall

Tuesday, December 10

10:00 am

St. Jerome School Advent Mass – School

1:00 pm

St. Bernadette School Advent Mass - School

7:00 pm

RCIA – Assisi Room

7:00 pm

Rise Young Adult Choir - Church

Wednesday, December 11

9:30 am

Bereavement Group Mtg – Lisieux Room

Thursday, December 12

7:30 pm

Choir Practice – Church

Friday, December 13

1:00 pm

St. David of Wales Advent Mass - School

6:00 pm

Children's Choir Practice - Church

6:00 pm

God's Family Choir Practice – Assisi Room

7:00 pm

Advanced Line Dancing – Carmel Hall

Saturday, December 14

8:45 am

Confirmation Catechism – Church

9:30 am

Lay Carmelites Mtg – Lisieux Room

Sunday, December 15

10:30 am

RCIA – Padua Room

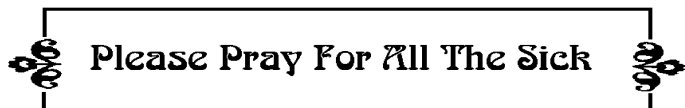
1:00 pm

Youth Group – Carmel Hall

HAPPY NEW YEAR! CALLING ALL SINGERS AND MUSICIANS!

The 1st Sunday in Advent is the Church calendar's New Year's day as it marks the beginning of a new liturgical year. Can you think of a better Church New Year's resolution than to join the music ministry? Neither can we! If you have ever considered joining one of our groups, please contact our coordinator, Esteban Cambre at 416-271-3710 or ecambre@gmail.com

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8th, 2024



Felix Pires, Annie Hurley, Miyanna Figueroa, Mariana Weglinski, Aissa Aro, Julius Rodrigues, and Jorge Vasques
And we pray for those whose death anniversaries occur about this time that they may live in glory forever with God and all the Saints.



8:30 am **Monday, December 9**

Special Intentions for Mark & Christine Fernandez;

Requested by the Fernandez Family

For the repose of the soul of Santiago Sta. Ana;

Requested by the Family

For the repose of the souls of Gerald & Rita Lobo;

Requested by the Lobo Family

7:00 pm

For the repose of the souls of Carmelo & Carmela Cini;

Requested by Mary Weber and Family

8:30 am **Tuesday, December 10**

For the repose of the souls of Barbara Kwasek, Josef Picarczyk and Wiesia Wisniewska;

Requested by the Family

For the repose of the soul of Mario Anden;

Requested by Linda and Family

For all Souls in Purgatory;

Requested by the D'Souza Family

8:30 am **Wednesday, December 11**

For the repose of the soul of Alexander Costales;

Requested by Vida Nerona

For the repose of the soul of Lawrence Edmunds;

Requested by Chris Fifield

Special Intentions and Thanksgiving;

Requested by Cecilia Hortillo and Family

8:30 am **Thursday, December 12**

For the repose of the soul of Philip Ferrao;

Requested by the Family

For the repose of the soul of Michelina Zammit;

Requested by Kathy Maclean and Chris Watts

Special Intentions and Healing for John Marco;

Requested by the Family

8:30 am **Friday, December 13**

For the repose of the soul of Fr. Alexander Affonso;

Requested by the Fernandes & Affonso Family

For the repose of the souls of John & Polly Fava;

Requested by Pauline Grasso

For the repose of the soul of Elma Austriaco;

Requested by the Family

9:00 am **Saturday, December 14**

For the repose of the soul of S.A. Moses;

Requested by the Fernandez Family

For the repose of the souls of all deceased members of the Falcioni Family;

Requested by Regina Falcioni

5:00 pm

For the repose of the soul of Fred Weber;

Requested by Joji & Betsy

For the repose of the soul of Sanjay Chandrakanth;

Requested by Ivo & Rosa Villa

For the repose of the soul of Piersante Barbossa;

Requested by Anita & Family

8:00 am **Sunday, December 15**

For the repose of the soul of Robert Lopez;

Requested by the Lopez Family

For the repose of the soul of Silvio Sacco;

Requested by Tom & Mima

For the repose of the soul of Joe DiCarmine;

Requested by the Phelan Family

10:00 am

For the Intentions of the Parishioners.

12:00 pm - Multiple Intentions

+ **Domenico Fatigati**

+ **Leonel Gouveia**

+ **Sheila Christian, Sario & Potencia Miranda**

+ **Czeslaw Sierocinski**

+ **Yolanda Bautista**

Ring Christmas Bells!!!!

The Children's Liturgy Team is preparing the children to sing Christmas Carols on Sunday, December 22 during the 10am and 12 noon mass. The team is encouraging all children to participate in this event, by attending either the 10 am or 12 noon mass Children's Liturgy gathering.
Come and Sing!

Donation Envelope Boxes and St. Joseph's Missals

2025 Donation envelope boxes and the 2024-2025 missals are now available in the Parish office.

Sacrament Preparation Updates

A reminder to parents and students who are registered and preparing to receive the sacraments in 2025 our next meeting is:

Confirmation – Saturday, December 14, 2024. Please check in at 8:45 am.

First Holy Communion – Saturday, December 7, 2024. Please check in at 8:45 am.



Thank you to everyone who generously donated to Last week's offering. Weekly Total: \$6,588.20